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ARES Region 4 Activation

First let me thank everyone for stepping up when the call was made for hams to provide EmComm in support of Red Cross shelter operations. I know some of our region 4 ARES members were personally impacted by flooding, while others were flooded in and could not leave their homes. Due to flooding these ARES members were not able to support the operation but other hams did. Some of you took vacation days while others worked shifts at Red Cross after work and on Saturday and Sunday. Some of you had years of experience and worked EmComm before while others were so new they hadn't even programmed their first handheld yet. Some of you live within a couple of miles of Red Cross and others drove 30 or 40 miles taking back roads to bypass flooded highways to get to Lafayette Red Cross in time for their shift. I'm not sure about the other regions, but we had 22 hams from Region 4 that took part in the operation in one way or another. Attached is the list I generated, please let me know if I forgot someone.

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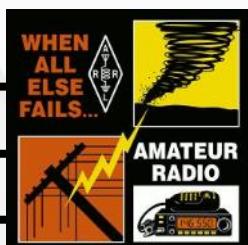
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Melissa Cearley W5MLC
John Woods KG5FMP
Robert Wells W5TGK**

The bottom line is when landline and cell phone service into Baton Rouge was affected by the flooding a call went out to LA ARES Region 4 to establish a radio link between Lafayette Red Cross and Baton Rouge Red Cross. You answered that call and made a difference proving again that the ARES motto is true - **When All Else Fails**.

Now I need your help again. Its time for operation review and I want your input. Email me your suggestion as to how we can improve operations going forward and don't hold back. Tell me what you think needs to be improved on; questions about the operation, or things you had a problem with. Organization, training, having to use your own equipment, not knowing what to expect when you arrived at Red Cross, not understanding how the SkyWarn repeater system and the State Link system are linked together, reason for log sheets, etc. Get your comments and questions back to me ASAP so I can have answers for you in time for our next club meeting on Sept. 1st. Having a meeting on the 1st might depend on what Invest 99L decides to do. <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php>

Thanks again for making Region 4 support of Red Cross operations a success. We could not have done it without you.

73
Glen
KF5FNP
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SEPTEMBER 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING

The AARA will hold its September General Club meeting on September 1, 2016 at 7PM at the **Lafayette Science Museum**, on 433 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA. VE testing at 6PM. ARES participation will be discussed.

All AARA members are encouraged to attend.

AARA August Board Meeting Minutes

4 AUGUST 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

Meeting was called to order by Mark W5GTI at 6:00 p.m.

We discussed making a donation to the Horse Farm for the use during Field Day. The Board agreed to donate \$100.00. We will not be continuing the donation to the Red Cross since the building has been sold.

We discussed the possibility of setting up a Pay Pal account for members to be able to pay their dues online. We will research this and let the members know when we have more information.

The work day will be rescheduled Danny's KD5JSM, in October once it starts to cool down so we can straighten out our inventory and see what we will be keeping and what we will auction off.

A motion was made to look into having a General License class at the Lafayette Science Museum to encourage advancement in Ham Radio.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

AARA August General Meeting Minutes

4 AUGUST 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mark W5GTI. The July meeting minutes were accepted and Tom W5OHJ, gave a treasurer's report.

Visitor's from Morgan City came to invite us to a QRP weekend in Morgan City on September 23 & 24.

A video presentation was given by Glen KF5FNP, from the National Parks on the air. The video will be posted on You Tube.

Larry KE5KJD, gave a presentation on why sometimes we are not heard over the radio. Sometimes the losses are stopping us from getting through to others. Most of these losses can be easily adjusted by setting up a proper ham shack with good antennas.

Old Business:

The trip cost for those interested in going to the Florida Hamfest are \$511 per person. This includes chartered bus ride, hotel rooms, and tickets for the hamfest. The Florida Hamfest is February 10 - 12, 2017. Reservations to get this rate are due by August 31, 2016.

New Business:

We have been invited back to Eunice and Lafayette for the National Parks on the Air. Eunice will be a Go Kit day on August 20 from 8 til 6. Lafayette will be held at the Jean Lafitte Park August 27 from 8 til 6 and will be using AMOS II and the antenna trailer, weather permitting.

Technician License classes will start on Tuesday, August 16, at the Lafayette Science Museum. After completion of the classes there will be a break and we will be signing people up for the General License class.

Tour du Teche VII- 2016. October 7 through 9, 2016 will be the Tour du Teche. Members who want to work the canoe race checkpoints should get in touch with Sandy KE5KJF. You can put your order in for your t-shirts at that time. We will also have the Tour Du Teche HF Special Event during the race. Herman KN5GRK, will be handling the QSL cards for the Tour de Teche Special Event. He will also take care of sending the information to Roland so he can put it on the QRZ website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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RECOVERY

I wish to thank all of those who volunteered with ARES during the recent flooding. Your time and effort went a long way in keeping communication lines open between Lafayette and Baton Rouge in our time of need.

I would also like to thank those who helped out family, friends, and complete strangers get to safety, or just helped in the cleanup. Some lost a little, some lost a lot.

For those of you that were directly affected by the flooding, good luck with your efforts to restore your home and neighborhood. We have a lot of work ahead of us and will get back to pre-flood conditions in the very near future.

I look forward to the day where this disaster is just an experience.

Mark
W5GTI
AARA President

DXing

Mark W5GTI



Courtesy Patience Respect

Working DX stations is one of the most fun activities in the Amateur Radio hobby. Making contacts to places all over the world is an advantage that Amateur Radio has over other forms of communication that require much more equipment and infrastructure to accomplish.

Working stations across the world and in the states requires a certain etiquette which makes it easier for you, the station you are contacting, and everyone else on the frequency trying to make the same contact.

Typically, your everyday DX contact will be working SIMPLEX, meaning the frequency on your end and their end is the same for receive and transmit. Many contests that operate both in the states and worldwide will operate in SIMPLEX and you can tell, when they acknowledge a callsign on the frequency you are listening to. There are some exceptions and that all depends on the operator calling CQ.

Another method of operating DX is known as SPLIT operation. The transmit frequency will be different from the receive frequency similar to using a VHF/UHF repeater. If you hear a DX station calling and he only gives his callsign, listen for how many comeback to him. If you hear nothing, it may be due to SPLIT operation, where he is listening on a different frequency. A good operator working SPLIT will always give their call and then state their receive frequency (QSX), usually 3-5KHz up or down from the frequency you hear him on. This is where you want to transmit when trying to make the contact. You can always count on SPLIT operation when trying to contact a DX-pedition station. These are stations setup on remote locations that do not normally have Amateur Radio operating from them and sometimes it can span decades since the last contacts were made to that location. And, pay attention to the SPLIT, the DX-pedition NAVASSA ran SPLIT operation as much as 100KHz. That was fun !!!!!!



- **I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.**
- **I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.**
- **I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.**
- **I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.**
- **I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.**
- **I will always send my full call sign.**
- **I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.**
- **I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.**
- **I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.**
- **I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.**
- **When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.**
- **I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.**
- **I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.**

Local VHF/UHF Nets**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
Repeater Rotation—Check Calendar

Tuesday

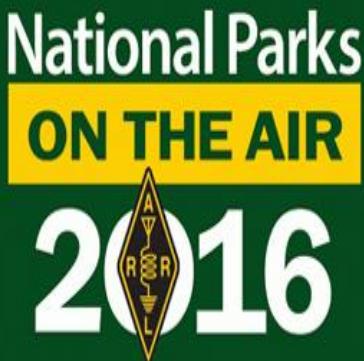
Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM
145.410 Lydia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**National Parks on the Air**

The AARA activated HP-17 in Eunice on Saturday August 20, 2016 to kickoff the 100th Anniversary week of the National Parks. Chris KG5MCY and Dave N4ELM made 53 contacts in about 4 hours of operating on CW and SSB using portable stations. Thanks for the great work.

The AARA will participate in the National Parks On The Air event again with another Special Event. Date and location to be determined. Keep watch for up-coming information in your email and in the

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**Apply your hobby to Public Service**

To find out more, contact an AARA member, and we will inform you of how you can help in times of emergency.

WANTED

AARA Monday Night Net Manager/Controller

The AARA Monday Night Net will be available to any AARA member who wishes to be a Net Manager or Net Controller for the Monday Night Net starting January 2, 2017.

This can be done by one person or a group of people. The Net Manager would coordinate the Net for each Monday Night ensuring a Net Control is available to call the Net, maintain records of each Net, such as number of sessions, number of check-ins, total Net time, traffic total, and at the end of each month, submit this information for publication in the **LARC**. Only one Net Manager is required for the Net.

The Net Controller would conduct the Net each Monday Night, by taking check-ins, providing announcements and other amateur radio related information, and then provide totals of sessions, check-ins, time, and traffic to the Net Manager. There can be more than one Monday Night Net Controller. One of the Net Controllers can serve as Net Manager.

If you would like to participate in the continuation of the AARA Monday Night Net, please contact me for more information.

Mark
W5GTI

VE Test Session

June 2, 2016

Earning TECHNICIAN:

Daryl Courville - Opelousas KG5OUL
Billy Decker - Lafayette KG5OUE
Michael Hebert - Carencro KG5OUI
Ashton Sonnier - Lafayette KG5OUE
Nicholas Lowery Dufore - Baton Rouge KG5OUK

VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Dave N4ELM and Galen KF5BET

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FCC AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

VE Test sessions are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6PM, before the AARA General Club meeting, at the Lafayette Science Museum on 433 Jefferson St., Lafayette, LA.

AARA STICKERS

The AARA has 2" x 3" vinyl stickers featuring the AARA Logo, available for purchase by club members. The stickers are \$2 each (no limit) and are available at each General Club meeting.

AUGUST 2016 ACADIANA AREA VHF/UHF NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	83	0	159	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	64	0	155	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	41	0	68	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Net	4	67	0	132	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

**AARA Monday Night Net
Repeater Rotation**

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
SEP 5	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	None
SEP 12	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	***
SEP 19	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5
SEP 26	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5

*** When using the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater System, be sure to use the PL Tone for your area as follows:

Lafayette 103.5 - NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The monthly net schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

The top 10 check-ins for 2016 will have their callsign entered into a drawing for a new Dual Band HT.



9/6	Steve	KF5VH
9/8	Bud	N5AN
9/11	Chad	KG5AYJ
9/12	John	N5RNG
9/12	Jerry	KG5KZL
9/13	Fred	W5MLE
9/15	John	KG5FMP
9/16	Dalton	N5HVY
9/17	AJ	KF5THS
9/17	James	KF5RBW
9/18	Bobby	KG5KFK
9/19	Mel	WD5CAE
9/22	Paige	KG5VPR
9/24	Irma	KE5UPK
9/28	Joy	KG5MKV

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

- Ronald Reagan

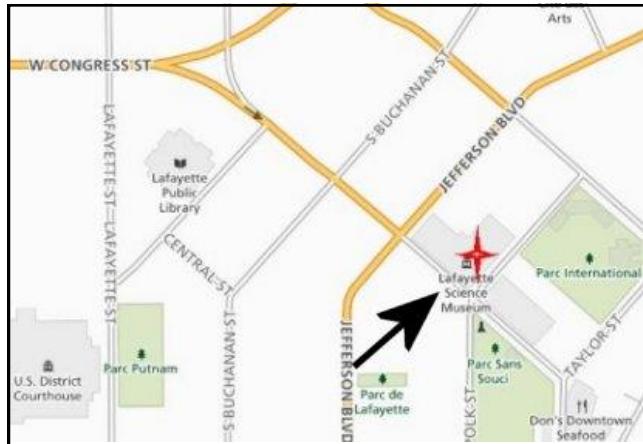
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Banana Banana Bread

AllRecipes.com

Ingredients:

2 Cups All Purpose Flour	3/4 Cup Brown Sugar
1 Teaspoon Baking Soda	2 Eggs, beaten
1/4 Teaspoon Salt	2-1/3 Cups Mashed Ripe Bananas
1/2 Cup Butter	

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Lightly grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.
3. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt.
4. In a separate bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended.
5. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten.
6. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.
7. Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean.
8. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.

Send your favorite recipes to:
larc@w5ddl.org

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road,
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245